

As Vice Chair of the House Small Business Committee, I am working hard to see that small business owners

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**Small Business Administration** (SBA) is an independent agency of the federal government.

The SBA provides a number of programs that provide financial assistance to creditworthy business owners.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, \$730 million was allocated to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Since these loans are not made directly by the SBA, excellent guide for obtaining SBA loans, which are available through various lenders, is provided at <http://business.sba.gov/ess3.com/pdf/english/pennsylvania-philadelphia.pdf>  
[www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)  
<http://www.sba.gov/pa/phil/>

**Philadelphia District Office**

Parkview Tower  
1150 First Avenue - Suite 1001  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
Phone: (610) 383-3092  
<http://www.sba.gov/>

### **University of Pennsylvania SBDC**

Vance Hall  
3733 Spruce Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
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The SBA helps fund **Small Business Development Centers** across the country to provide management assistance

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Exton Office at Chester County Economic Development Council  
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### Delaware County

Widener University SBDC  
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Ambler Campus  
580 Meeting House Road  
Library Room 13  
Ambler, PA 19002-3999  
Phone: (215) 283-1215

The **SCORE Association** is another resource partner of the SBA offering free and confidential small business advice for entrepreneurs. Their website ( <http://www.score.org/> ) has useful “how-to” articles, business templates, and 24/7 business advice. Additionally, you can visit one of the local SCORE chapters for face-to-face mentoring services and low-cost workshops.

## **Chester County SCORE**

West Chester Office  
Government Services Center  
601 Westtown Road, Suite 281  
P.O. Box 2747  
West Chester, PA 19380  
Phone: (610) 344-6910  
[info@scorechesco.org](mailto:info@scorechesco.org)  
[www.scorechesco.org](http://www.scorechesco.org)

Exton Branch Office  
Exton Region Chamber of Commerce  
Second Floor  
967 East Swedesford Road  
Exton, PA 19341  
Phone: (610) 644-4985

Oxford Branch Office  
Peoples Bank of Oxford  
24 S. 3rd Street  
Oxford, PA 19363  
Phone: (610) 998-1543

Phoenixville Branch Office  
Phoenixville Area Chamber of Commerce  
171 East Bridge Street  
Phoenixville, PA 19460  
Phone: (610) 933-3070



### **Delaware County SCORE**

Media Office  
Delaware County Chamber of Commerce  
602 East Baltimore Pike  
Media, PA 19063  
Phone: (610) 565-3677  
<http://www.scoredelco.org/>



### **Montgomery County SCORE**

Jenkintown Office  
204 Baederwood Office Plaza

1653 The Fairway, Suite 204  
Jenkintown, PA 19046  
Phone: (215) 885-3027  
[counselor@score513.org](mailto:counselor@score513.org)  
<http://www.score513.org/>

Valley Forge Branch Office  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
1150 First Avenue, Suite 1001  
(Next to Radisson - Valley Forge)  
Valley Forge, PA 19406  
Phone: (610) 382-3062

King of Prussia Branch Office  
Upper Merion Township Library  
175 West Valley Forge Road  
King of Prussia, PA. 19406  
Phone: (610) 265-4805

Wayne Branch Office  
Main Line Chamber of Commerce  
175 Strafford Ave, Suite 130  
Wayne, PA 19087  
Phone: (610) 687-6232

It is important to reiterate that there are not Federal grant opportunities specifically for business start-ups, expansions, diversifications, or to fund operating expenses. Grant opportunities do, however, exist in other areas of the federal sector. To find and apply for grant opportunities you

might be eligible, you can visit grants.gov ( <http://www.grants.gov> ) which is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and provides access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards. This site can be difficult to navigate which is why my staff has compiled

[\*The Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District Federal and State Grant and Resource Directory\*](#)

. This Directory, which is searchable by keyword, offers a vast number of federal, state, and private grants and how to apply for them. I recommend looking through it for possible funding sources.

At the state level, the goal of the **Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development** (DCED) is to foster opportunities for businesses. As such, they offer business assistance to help organizations fund their projects or start a business, find a location, expand their business, or stay in Pennsylvania. The website of DCED ( <http://www.newpa.com> ) is a resource for business assistance in Pennsylvania. They list the programs available for funding and support to businesses in Pennsylvania. The DCED offers the Web Submission of the Single Application for Assistance. Through one form, you can apply for financial assistance from the Department's various funding sources. You can contact the Small Business Resource Center at (800) 280-3801.

Another resource offered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is the **Pennsylvania Open for Business** website ( <http://www.paopen4business.state.pa.us/> )

which gives entrepreneurs "one stop" access to business information. Entrepreneurs can explore financial options, download many of the important forms necessary to start and expand a business, and electronically register a business with the Pennsylvania Departments of Labor and Industry, Revenue, and State.

**Innovation Philadelphia**, a non-profit economic development organization that serves 11 counties in Southeastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Delaware, publishes *The Greater Philadelphia Entrepreneurs' Resource Guide*

. The Guide provides businesses and entrepreneurs interested in pursuing business and professional development with information and outlets to make contacts, to secure funding and to promote their businesses and products to a wide array of consumers. You can access the Guide on Innovation Philadelphia's website (

<http://www.innovationphiladelphia.com/>

) under the "Browse our Publications" tab.

### **Innovation Philadelphia**

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Finally, I recommend contacting your **county's economic development organization**.

Although services vary by county, a variety of services are available by contacting your local office including: low-interest rate financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion, customized international business assistance, land and building site selection, assistance working with local municipalities and state agencies, etc. For more information on the specific services available in your area or for links to other helpful organizations, please contact your county's office.

### **Chester County**

Chester County Economic Development Council  
Eagleview Corporate Center  
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Montgomery County Industrial Development Corporation  
420 West Germantown Pike  
East Norriton, PA 19403  
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